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SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS (BOLTS, NUTS AND SCREWS OF IRON OR STEEL): UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (USITC) TO DETERMINE EFFECT OF IMPORTS ON THE DOMESTIC UNCLASSIFIED

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INDUSTRY

REF: STATE 278511, NOVEMBER 25, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF USITC PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE 28 FEDERAL REGISTER ANNOUNCING THAT THE USITC HAD INSTITUTED AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER UNITED

STATES PRODUCERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE IMPORT RELIEF PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. (BEGIN TEXT):

INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF A PETITION FILED BY THE UNITED STATES FASTENER MANUFACTURING GROUP, THE UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA, AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS, THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION ON JUNE 22, 1977, INSTITUTED AN INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 201(B) OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO DETERMINE WHETHER LAG SCREWS OR BOLTS, BOLTS (EXCEPT MINE-ROOF BOLTS), AND BOLTS AND

THEIR NUTS IMPORTED IN THE SAME SHIPMENT, NUTS, AND SCREWS HAVING SHANKS OR THRES OVER 0.24 INCH IN DIAMETER, ALL THE FOREGOING OF IRON OR STEEL, PROVIDED FOR IN ITEMS 646.49, 646.54, 646.56, 646.63, AND 646.79 OF THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES, ARE BEING IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH INCREASED QUANTITIES AS TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE OF SERIOUS INJURY, OR THE THREAT THEREOF TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY PRODUCING AN ARTICLE LIKE OR DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE WITH THE IMPORTED ARTICLE.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED. A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION WILL BE HELD BEGINNING AT 10 LINCLASSIFIED

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A.M., E.D.T., TUESY, OCTOBER 11, 1977, IN THE HEARING ROOM, UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION BUILDING, 701 E STREET NW., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20436. REQUESTS FOR APPEARANCES AT THE HEARING SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION AT HIS OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., NOT LATER THAN NOON, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1977.

INSPECTION OF PETITION. THE PETITION FILED IN THIS CASE IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, AND AT THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION LOCATED AT 6 WORLD TRADE CENTER. E TEXT.

2. THE PETITIONSRS ARE SEEKING THE IMPOSITION OF A QUOTA SET AT THE 1972 IMPORT LEVEL TO APPLY FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. THEY HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENTS WITH THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLYING COUNTRIES DURING THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD IN WHICH SUCH A OUOTA WOULD BE IN EFFECT.

- 3. IN 1976, THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF UNITED STATES IMPORTS OF THE INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS OF INTEREST FROM ALL SOURCES OF SUPPLY WAS ABOUT \$260 MILLION, OF WHICH AROUND \$160 MILLION WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHIPMENTS FROM JAPAN. CANADA (\$59 MILLION) WAS THE PRINCIPAL SECONDARY SOURCE OF SUPPLY.
- 4. THE PROCEEDING NOW UNDER WAY IS THE SECOND INSTITUTED BY THE USITC UNDER SECTION 201 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE IMPACT OF INCREASED IMPORTS ON DOMESTIC PRODUCERS OF INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS. IN REFTEL WE ADVISED THAT THE FIRST PROCEEDING WAS CONCLUDED IN NOVEMBER 1975 BY A COMMISSION

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DETERMINATION THAT IMPORTS WERE NOT A SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE OF SERIOUS INJURY TO THE INDUSTRY AND THAT THE DOMESTIC PRODUCERS WERE THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE IMPORT RELIEF PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT. THE CURRENT PROCEEDING DIFFERS FROM THE EARLIER ONE IN THAT THE FIRST INVESTIGATION INCLN8ED BOTH LARGE AND SMALL SCREWS OF IRON OR STEEL AND THE SECOND INCLUDES ONLY THE LARGE TYPE. AS A RESULT THE IMPORT TRADE BEING EXAMINED UNDER THE NEW INVESTIGATION IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS.

5. THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 PROVIDES THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION'S DETERMINATION IN SECTION 201 CASES SHALL BE MADE AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME BUT NOT LATER THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE PETITION IS FILED; IN THIS CASE DEGEMBER 22. POSTS WILL BE ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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